

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 216574

62

ORIGIN NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AF-10 ARA-16 EA-11 EUR-25 RSC-01 SS-20

NSC-10 SPC-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-04

USIA-15 PRS-01 AID-20 /159 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/P:JEHRIGGS

APPROVED BY NEA/P:JEHRIGGS

S/PRS - MR. KING (INFO)

NEA - MR. ATHERTON

----- 020664

P 022035Z NOV 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT PRIORITY

USDEL SALT TWO GENEVA PRIORITY

USINT BAGHDAD PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 216574

INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

INFORM CONSULS

KUWAIT POUCH MUSCAT, DOHA

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
NOVEMBER 2, 1973:

QUOTE: AMB. MCCLOSKEY: THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT HAS PROVIDED A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION OF
\$200,000 TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IN
SUPPORT OF THE ICRC'S HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND DISASTER
ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE CONTRIBUTION
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 216574

IS MADE WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE EXPENSES WHICH ICRC

HAS INCURRED AND WHICH ARE PROJECTED IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CARE AND RELIEF OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND OTHER WAR VICTIMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE SECRETARY WILL BE SEEING THE SYRIAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT IS AT 5:00 P.M. TODAY HERE. HIS NAME IS MOHAMMAD ZAKARYA ISMAIL.

Q. IS THAT AT THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST?

A. YES.

Q. COULD YOU CLARIFY SOMETHING FOR US WHICH AT LEAST I FOUND CONFUSING YESTERDAY? MRS. MEIR, AT HER PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE AFTERNOON, SAID THAT SHE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE PROPOSAL THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED HERE FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, WHICH I HAD UNDERSTOOD EITHER HAD BEEN SUGGESTED OR WAS GOING TO BE SUGGESTED TO ISRAEL, THE IDEA OF A CORRIDOR THAT WOULD ALLOW RESUPPLY OF THE EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY.

A. I SAID THAT THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY, AN IDEA, THAT HAD OCCURRED TO US. I BELIEVE I SAID I THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE TWO SIDES. I MISSPOKE. IT HAS NOT BEEN.

Q. WITH EITHER SIDE?

A. YES.

Q. HAVE WE DISCUSSED WITH MRS. MEIR HER PROPOSAL ABOUT STRAIGHTENING OUT THE CEASE-FIRE LINE? AND IS IT YOUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT WOULD MEAN SIMPLY REVERTING TO THE PRE-OCTOBER 6 LINE?

A. WE HAVE -- AND BY THAT I MEAN THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT -- HAD LONG CONVERSATIONS WITH MRS. MEIR YESTERDAY. THE SECRETARY WILL PROBABLY SEE HER AGAIN SOMETIME LATE TODAY. MY GUESS IS THAT IT WILL BE EARLY EVENING BECAUSE OF HER SCHEDULE AND HIS. I HAVE NO COMMENT ON ANY OF OUR DISCUSSIONS AT THIS POINT, TO THIS POINT, WITH MRS. MEIR OR ON ANY OF THE COMMENTS WHICH SHE MADE IN HER UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 216574

PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

Q. CAN WE ASSUME THAT THE BRIEFING THAT THE SECRETARY IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE THIS AFTERNOON TO NATO AMBASSADORS RELATES TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS?

A. I'M SURE THAT TO A LARGE EXTENT HIS MEETING WITH THE NATO AMBASSADORS THIS AFTERNOON WILL DEAL WITH THE

SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I CANNOT RULE OUT OTHER TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION, BUT I SHOULD THINK IT WOULD BE PRINCIPALLY ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. WILL THE SECRETARY SEE MR. FAHMI AGAIN, OR IS THAT PART OF HIS CONSULTATION OVER?

A. HE SAW MR. FAHMI AGAIN FOR AN HOUR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ROUGHLY FROM 5:30 TO 6:30. AND, SO FAR AS I KNOW, MR. FAHMI WILL BE MAKING HIS WAY BACK TO CAIRO VERY SHORTLY. HE TOLD US HE WANTED TO BE IN CAIRO WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE ARRIVED. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POW, ARMISTICE, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, GROUND COMBAT OPERATIONS, PRESS CONFERENCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE216574
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JEBRIGGS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731158/aaaabqhu.tel
Line Count: 127
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03-Dec-2001 by joneskg0>; APPROVED <08 FEB 2002 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING INFORM CONSULS
TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, EAID, ICRC
To: ALL POSTS MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005